

THE DALLAS POST Salutes

FINO'S PHARMACY



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Looking over stock

Dominic Fino looks over his inventory at Fino's Drug Store, Main Street in Dallas.

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In the heart of Dallas, where Route 309 intersects Lake and Main Streets, sits the oldest operating pharmacy in the Back Mountain area: Fino's Pharmacy.

The 80-year old, 2 story wood frame structure that houses Fino's Pharmacy remains a landmark deeply rooted in the historical beginnings of Dallas Township.

Originally built and maintained by the Odd Fellows as a town hall and meeting place, the building stood approximately 300 feet northeast of where it stands now. In the early 1900's, the structure was sectioned off into two compartments; a store on the left side was rented out first as a grocery store, later as a pharmacy, while the right side contained the stairs that led to the second floor, where the meeting rooms remained.

With the construction of the Memorial Highway in 1943, the entire edifice was shifted back to the creek bed; actually having been lifted from its foundation and relocated to its present position.

As one enters through the actual doorway of the original store, one is reminded of the historical beginnings of pharmacy as well. The old time ceramic shaker bottles and circular boxes, once mainstays in an era where daily deliveries were unheard of, can still be seen sitting atop the myriad shelves of current products, as if serving as a reminder of the advances and great strides that have been made in the fields of medicine and pharmacology.

Where once a jar read merely "lanolin", underneath one can find over 10 different brands of skin softener, all scientifically produced to achieve more specific results. The store has become so large, in fact, that Dominic Fino, owner and operator of the pharmacy, is taking over the back portion of the second floor for storage purposes and also installing a computerized system of prescriptions to better enable him to serve his patrons quickly and easily.

Mr. Fino comes from a family

of pharmacists; his father, Patrick and brother, Mike, both operated Fino's Pharmacy on 32 N. Main in Pittston. Raised in the Wyoming Valley area, he received his pharmacy degree from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.

His wife, Ruth, can be seen at the register, shelving products or helping with prescriptions, as can two of his children, Leeann, 16, who attends Dallas High School and Dominic, 15, who attends Seminary. Their third child, Michael, is in the 6th grade at Wyoming Seminary.

The Carey sisters have long been an established source of good humor at Fino's; it's easy to spot a Carey, as they all sport varying degrees of freckles. All have, at one time or another worked in the store. Presently, Polly Boberski, Patty Burdette, Jane Zimmerman, Bonnie Cook, Carol Arner and a niece, Sheri Stroud, are the Carey cross section employed. Two additional pharmacists, work alongside Mr. Fino: Larry Licata of West Wyoming, who has been at the store five years and Robert Wilson, who heartily claims to have been around forever, though Mr. Fino cites that it has really been only the past 25 years that they've been working together. Licata, Wilson and Fino have over 120 years of combined pharmacy experience.

Wilson delivers his one-liners almost as fast as he does his prescriptions, which is reason enough to stop by his counter when one needs a little cheering up... (perhaps laughter is the best medicine after all.)

All Fino's employees are nothing, if not cheerful. Karen Skursky will never let you leave without a big smile, nor Mike Kerkowsky, a pharmacy student, at L.C.C.C., without a "thank you and come again."

Fino's caters to its customers and is available 24 hours a day to them. They recognize major credit cards, M.A. and give a 10 percent discount to senior citizens, as well as delivering free in the Dallas area. Fino's fills all third party prescriptions. The store is open Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. til 9 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. til 9 p.m. to serve you. Phone 675-1141.



Daffodil volunteers

The Farinola family of Dallas, shown here, is volunteering its time to the Wyoming Valley Unit of the American Cancer Society during its Daffodil Days 1985, March 26-30. Shown above, from left, first row, are Emyln Beth, Corinne and Teryl Ann Farinola. In the back row are Veronica Farinola and Kayo Fujiwara, an exchange student staying with the Farinola family.

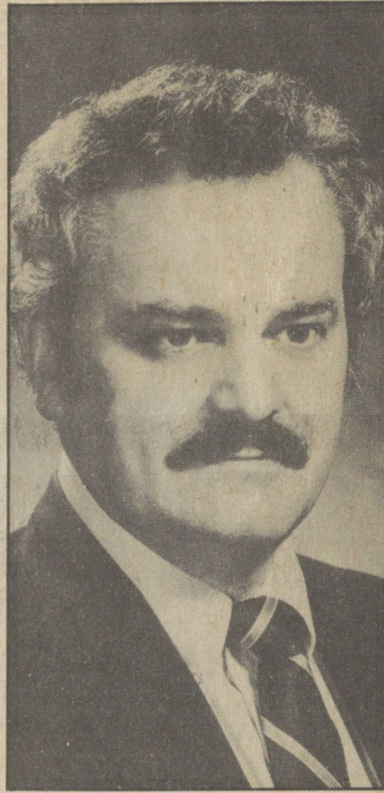
Named to CTC post

William A. Shaner has been named regulatory relations manager for Commonwealth Telephone Company, a subsidiary of Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises, Inc. Scott Burnside, Commonwealth's vice president of sales and external affairs, said Shaner will be responsible for all contacts with state and federal regulatory agencies, the maintenance and revision of telephone company tariffs and joint agreements involving other telephone companies.

Shaner has nearly 20 years experience in various aspects of the telephone industry. Prior to joining Commonwealth, he held the position of commercial manager for Coopersburg Telephone Company, located in Lehigh County. When Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises acquired Coopersburg late last year, Shaner played a key role in transfer activities.

Shaner holds a B.S. in commerce and finance from Wilkes College and an associate degree from Hershey Jr. College. He is also a graduate of the Milton Hershey School.

Shaner and his family reside in Dallas.



WILLIAM A. SHANER

John Thomas is candidate

John Jones Thomas has announced his candidacy for Luzerne County Jury Commissioner on the Republican ticket.

Thomas is a retired food industry salesman, having been employed by Phillips Seafood & Frozen Food Co. for 32 years. He has been active in musical circles throughout the valley for many years and is also an active participant in the various Masonic bodies. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Kingston.

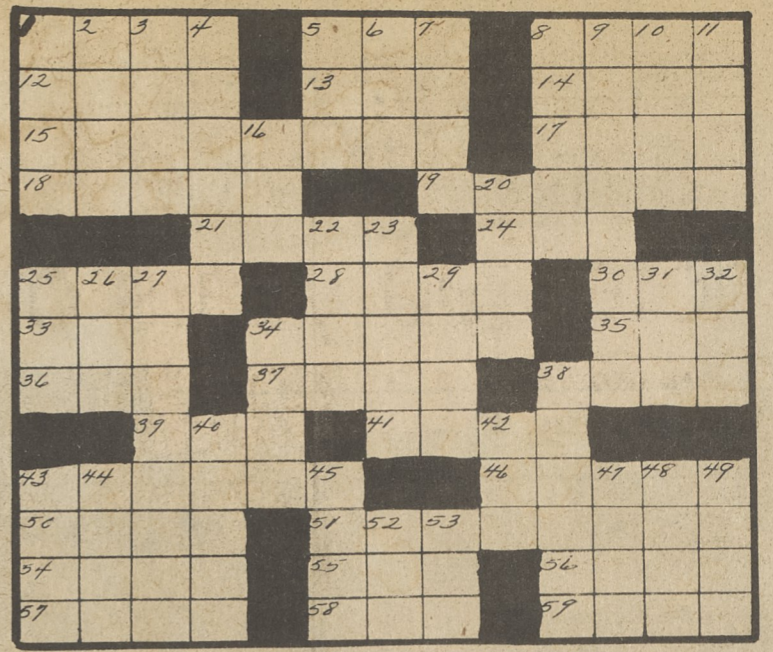
Thomas, a supporter of the Luzerne County Republican party, has served as committeeman and secretary of the Kingston Republican Organization. He is currently a committeeman in the middle district of Dallas Township.

Hasay has publication

Copies of a "Day-Care Checklist for Choosing a Program," a new publication from the Pennsylvania Commission for Women, are now available from Rep. George C. Hasay.

The commission compiled the checklist with assistance from the departments of Public Welfare and Education, to help parents choose a day-care program for their children. The reverse side of the checklist includes sample questions that parents can ask while visiting the day-care center, and some they should ask themselves before selecting a program. Also included are tips on making the transition to day-care smooth for child and parent, and on keeping day-care an integral part of the family experience.

A limited number of free copies are available at Hasay's district office, 2261 Sans Souci Parkway, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702. The telephone numbers are 542-7345 and 735-2794.



ELSA'S CROSSWORDS

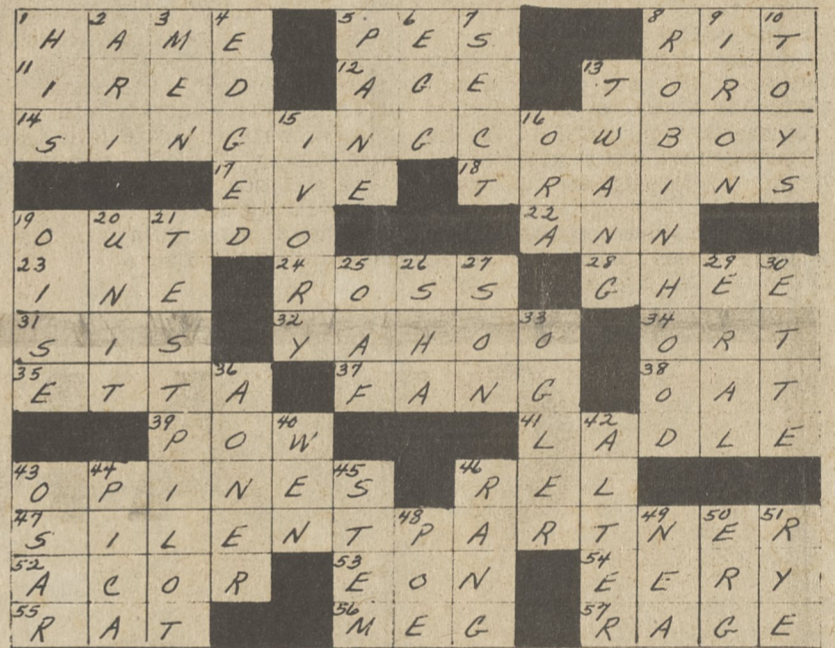
ACROSS

1. Plunders
5. Minced Oath
8. Eject
12. Bard of _____
13. Malt Beverage
14. Linen
15. Adjustable Window
17. Nevada City
18. Vigilant
19. Showy
21. Shoe Sizes
24. Words of Disgust
25. Electrical Units
28. Indonesian Island
30. Employ _____
34. _____ On (Fond Of)
35. Crimson
36. Professional
37. Novelist Seton
38. Nota _____
39. Solemn Promise
40. S. American Bird
42. Ornamental Shrub
46. Iotas
50. Chaplin's Wife
51. High School Memento
54. Agreement
55. Equal Value
56. _____ Can You See
57. Large Knife
58. Mel _____
59. Thus Far (Plural)

DOWN

1. Indian Prince
2. Elliptical
3. Tree Trunk
4. Saws Wood?
5. Fuel
6. Yalie
7. Feat
8. Twist Into _____
9. High Blood _____
10. Poetic Ever (Plura)
11. Watercourse Channel
16. Shoshonean Indian
20. Foray
22. Black
23. Faun
25. Mountain
26. Deface
27. Ontario
29. Jacob's Wife
31. Japanese Money
32. Dutch Commune
34. Marjorie _____
38. Baseball Team Employee
40. Oval
42. Sense Organ
43. Explodes
44. Brown Horse
45. Novice
47. Seep (Var.)
48. Deep Ditch
49. Upper Atmosphere (Plural)

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Obituaries

GUYON DILFIELD

Guyon L. Dilfield, 82, of Cross Mountain View Guest Home, Sweet Valley, died March 16 in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston, where he had been a patient for one week.

Surviving are his son, Robert G., Lynwood, N.J.; daughter, Mrs. Lois M. Reese, Hunlock Creek; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild. His wife, the former Letitia Givens, died in 1971.

Funeral services were held March 19 from the Metcalfe and Shaver Funeral Home, Wyoming, with the Rev. James Haas of the Wyoming Presbyterian Church officiating. Interment, Memorial Shrine Cemetery, Carverton.

STANLEY KOZAK

Stanley W. Kozak, 75, of RD 2, Harveys Lake (Beaumont), died

March 15 in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, following an illness.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mary Kuback; daughters, Mrs. Rosemary Pilger, Rochester, N.Y.; Mrs. Shirley Patton, Beaumont; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sister, Mrs. Anna Montross, Kingston; brother, Frank Nanticoke.

Funeral services were held March 18 from the Nulton Funeral Home, Beaumont, with a Mass of Christian Burial in Our Church of the Good Shepherd, Plymouth. Interment, Fern Knoll Burial Park, Dallas.

A brother, Anthony, preceded her in death. Interment, Cathedral Cemetery, Scranton. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Post editor judges contest

Dotty Martin, editor of The Dallas Post, recently participated as a judge in the "Excellence in Journalism Competition," sponsored by the Western Washington Chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, the Society of Professional Journalists.

Martin, a member of Sigma Delta

Chi since 1976, joined professional journalists across the nation in judging work of journalists located in the western Washington area.

Choosing to judge work in the area of Sports Reporting, Martin judged entries in both Non-Daily Newspaper and Magazines.

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